

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Original Claim 1 has been resubmitted herein as new Claim 36, and Claims 2-35 have been canceled, thereby obviating the non-responsiveness objection. New Claim 37 has also been added, depending from Claim 36.

The previous Claim 1 stood objected to based on informalities, these informalities have been corrected in the rewriting of claim 1. Claim 1 also stood rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, Claim 36 has been amended to obviate the informalities and the indefiniteness.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as allegedly being unpatentable over Weissman et al. based on the Webster online dictionary. This contention is respectfully traversed with reference to the amended Claim 36. Claim 36 defines a virtual slide (and Claim 36 now defines what this term means) and a real microscope slide, and automatically shifting positions and overlapping regions of those slides. In contrast, Weissman et al. describes marking viewing areas on the viewing screen, and then varying those viewing areas. While Weissman et al.'s system does teach forming an indicia of interest, it does not shift regions and overlap regions of images from the slides

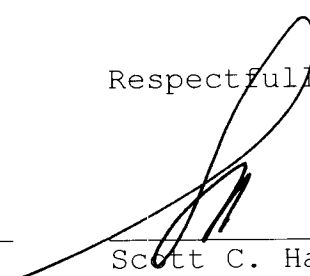
to form an optimal image. Rather, it only takes pieces of this image.

Claim 37 is also added herein, depending from Claim 36, and further defines using different levels of compression in the different images. This is further unsuggested by the cited prior art.

Applicants asks that all claims be allowed. Please apply the 4 month extension of time fee in the amount of \$795, and any other applicable charges or credits, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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